

I am concerned about the nighttime employment of IBOC on the AM band. The adjacent channel interference has proven to be widespread in both the WOR and WSAI tests. In the case of the former, audio from WOR was not audible on 710 here in Florida, but the interference to 720 eliminated the normally clear signal from WGN, and degraded the signal from WLW on 700. The WSAI IBOC transmissions overwhelmed audio from any station on 1520 and 1540 here.

I'm concerned that IBOC will eliminate the enjoyment of radio. Cardinals baseball on KMOX, the Grand Old Opry from WSM, the unique music formats of numerous small town stations, all will become inaudible. I cannot see that I will gain from adding IBOC at night. Only one station is close enough to put a fully digital signal to my home, and it carries programming available anywhere else, and everywhere from a satellite service.

No, IBOC will not be a benefit to me, but I can see that it will cause me a loss in the enjoyment of a medium I had, and used, for 40 years. I must pray that this area is not devastated by a hurricane or other natural disaster, and all our local stations rendered inoperative for damage or lack of power. I fear that the interference to stations that might otherwise provide vital information to us, or to any disaster area, will be such that we might just as well not have the radio at all.

I trust the members of the commission will consider these factors before allowing the unrestricted nighttime use of IBOC on the AM band.

Thank you.